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ARMS TALKS

THE Western powers have made a new offer to Soviet Russia at the current disarmament talks. They have said, in effect, that if the Soviet Government will agree to certain easily practicable first measures in disarmament, nuclear tests can be banned for two years, and perhaps indefinitely. This offer was made when the Soviet delegate, Mr. Zorin, had been taunting the Western powers with maintaining this link between suspension of tests and other disarmament measures, and had pressed them to accept a ban on tests in isolation. If he persists with this attitude in the face of the new Western offer, it will be clear that the Soviet Government either does not really want to stop tests or else does not want any real measure of disarmament. The Western offer is important and far-reaching in that it is a real attempt to meet Soviet Russia over the question of nuclear tests. The position six weeks ago was that the Western powers had offered to suspend tests, under international inspection, for an initial trial period of ten months. They held that ten months would be quite long enough to reveal whether or not all the powers concerned, including Soviet Russia, were showing good faith in solving the problems of inspection and control and applying first measures of disarmament.

TOO SHORT

THE Soviet delegate, however, strongly criticised the ten-month period as too short, and pressed his own Government's proposal for a period of two to three years. He ignored the obvious fact that the ten-month period proposed by the West would have inevitably been extended unless Soviet Russia had shown full faith. Since the Soviet Government seemed to attach great importance to this point, the Western powers carefully considered their original offer and have now changed it to meet Soviet views. The initial trial period, they say, will be twelve months. If, during this time, an inspection system is operating satisfactorily and, if, also, progress is made in preparing a second inspection system to control nuclear production for war purposes, this first twelve-month period will be prolonged to 24 months. Even at the end of this second year, nuclear tests could only be restarted if the powers had failed to stop nuclear production for war purposes, under international control.

ACT OF FAITH

In effect, therefore, the Western powers have gone almost the whole way to meet Soviet Russia over the length of the trial period for the suspension of tests. Especially for countries such as Britain and France, this move means a real sacrifice in terms of national security. For Britain, a fresh series of tests might provide weapons which would considerably strengthen the country's defensive capacity. France may be almost ready to start testing nuclear weapons. For both, a two-year ban on tests is therefore a very serious matter. Nevertheless, as the British delegate, Mr. Ormsby-Gore, has said, Britain is prepared to make this move, as an act of faith. It is true, in one sense, that the Western powers are imposing conditions on the banning of nuclear tests. Yet they are clearly right to do so, and the conditions are such as can easily be fulfilled by any Government which sincerely wants disarmament and world peace. It is now for the Soviet Government to reveal its real desires.

Britain Moves To Reduce Russia's ICBM Threat BID TO BEAT THE ROCKET

Tests In Desert With A-Blasts DEFENCE AIM

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Sept. 1.

Vital experiments in the development of a defence against Russian intercontinental rockets will be included in atom bomb tests to be carried out in Maralinga in the Australian desert this month.

The scientists plan to explode at least one atom bomb hanging from a tethered balloon so that precise measurements of blast effects in the air can be made.

This bomb could be made small enough to be carried in a guided missile which could be fired at an incoming rocket.

The tests are designed to show whether the bomb would be powerful enough to shatter an enemy rocket harmlessly high above the earth or at least blast it off its course.

Hopes of an anti-rocket defence have soared with development of atomic and H-bomb warheads light enough to be carried by fairly small guided missiles.

More Important

Work on such weapons is now regarded as more important than development of a British or the United States continental rocket.

SOVIET ICBM WILL ANTAGONISE ASIANS

Washington, Sept. 1. The Ceylonese Ambassador, Mr. R. S. S. Gunewardene, said today that the Soviet claim to have developed an intercontinental ballistic missile was more likely to antagonise Asians than draw them closer to Moscow.

Appearing on "College News Conference", a nationally broadcast television programme, Mr. Gunewardene was asked whether the Soviet missile announcement could be used as effective propaganda in Ceylon and neighbouring countries. "It would be very effective propaganda," replied the Ambassador. "The more you talk of force, the more the horror in Eastern countries." — United Press.

Scientists have no hope of intercepting every rocket but the blunting of such an attack would give the United States strategic air force a better chance of retaliation.

Experiments are being carried out too on new types of radar designed to give earliest possible warning that an enemy rocket has been launched.

Electronic brains linked with the radar would automatically fire the intercepting missile.

Jumped Overboard To Escape Flames

Cannes, Sept. 1. Lady Crane, wife of the British bicycle magnate, Sir Edmund Crane, and Sir Edmund's 23-year-old daughter, Corinne, were saved from the water in Cannes Harbour today when their launch burst into flames at the start of a water-skiing trip. They jumped overboard.

She Plans Motor Racing Comeback

London, Sept. 1. Roberta Cowell, the former Royal Air Force fighter pilot, who changed sex three years ago, has announced her intention of making a comeback as an international automobile race-driver.

Cowell, a well-known race-driver in the days when she was a man, yesterday won a woman's automobile race on the Shelsley Walsh circuit in England.

Father of two children, the former British air ace "Bob" Cowell changed sex after a surgical operation and caused a world-wide sensation. Now aged 39, Roberta has found her way back to the motor race tracks.

She said she would make her debut as a woman driver in the famous Buenos Aires Grand Prix next January at the wheel of a Maserati racer.

After that, Roberta hopes to form a women's Jaguar team to participate in the classic Le Mans 24 hours endurance race in France. — France-Press.

Has America Fired 'Atlas'?

Washington, Sept. 1. The Miami Daily News reported yesterday that the United States successfully launched an intercontinental missile "Atlas" about 2,400 miles last June.

The newspaper described the weapon as a "two-or-three-stage rocket."

The report could not be officially confirmed. A Defence Department spokesman said present policy forbids identifying or commenting on the performance of missiles fired.

The first effort to launch the Atlas was made in June. The missile, intended to go 5,500 miles in about 23 minutes, was reported to have risen to an altitude of 9,000 to 10,000 feet where a malfunction triggered its self-destruction device. — United Press.

Lady Crane, who is Sir Edmund's second wife, was treated for burns on her face, arms and legs and taken to a Cannes clinic where doctors said the burns, though painful, were not serious. Corinne escaped with a slight bathing dress. — China Mail Special.

MONA FONG HAD TO SING WITH PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

UNION BAND PULLS OUT OF TV SHOW

A Hongkong band refused to play for Rediffusion Television at the last moment last week because it claimed that Rediffusion was not paying Musicians' Union rates.

The Musicians' Union, which claimed it determined these rates "earlier this year" prescribed a fixed rate for TV.

The China Mail's TV critic, John Luff writes: The Mona Fong Show was all ready for Telecasting last Monday when the Hongkong Musicians' Union stepped in and stopped the band. Ray Del Val's boys should have been up in front of the camera, but at the last minute, he had to tell the programme producer that the rates offered by Television were not acceptable.

Fixed Rates

His Union had fixed the following figures:

★ \$75 for side men for a quarter of an hour's performance (Side men means the ordinary bandsmen.)

★ For key men, (solo instrumentalists), the figure is \$75 plus 20% for a quarter of an hour's music.

★ The leader wants \$75 plus 50% for the same performance.

They were rather indignant down at Television because, although the Union claims to have fixed these figures earlier in the year, they had not informed the Programme Authorities of Television of their rates, and nothing was known of them until Ray Del Val was engaged at Television's figure.

He accepted the figure, only to turn up and say that his Union, and that the Union, had performed for Television's fee.

Slightly Less

I am not allowed to quote Television's rates, for they claim the privilege of paying on merit. However, their fee is slightly less than that required by the Union.

At the moment there is stalemate. Television feel they have been handed a lake or leave it decision, in other words an arbitrary figure.

So they have decided to leave it.

They did point out, however, that there was no difficulty in obtaining bands at their own figure, and that the Union would suffer on account of their high handed attitude.

I asked the opinion of a local authority on Trades Unions. He was not prepared to commit himself until he had all the facts before him.

But I did gather from him there are faults on both sides. First of all the Band Leader as a Union member should not have accepted the engagement without first discussing it with his Union officials.

Understanding

Secondly, Rediffusion Television should not have engaged a band without some understanding with the Musicians' Union. But Rediffusion came back with this point: If the Union fixed this rate earlier in the year, as they claim to have done, why were not Television informed, as this figure for TV only concerned them?

Why wait until a contract was made, and then cancel it in such an arbitrary manner over an arbitrary figure? That's the position at the moment.

FOOTNOTE: The Mona Fong Show went on with a Chinese pianist instead.

MUSSOLINI: FROM A BATTERED BOX

TO A MARBLE TOMB

Prodapio, Sept. 1. The remains of Benito Mussolini, which the Government handed over to his widow in a battered packing case on Friday, were buried tonight in a huge marble sarcophagus.

Seventy armed police at sunset cleared the cemetery chapel where old and young Fascists had been doing homage to the remains all day, and closed the cemetery gates.

Immediately afterwards the dictator's widow, Donna Rachelle, drove into the cemetery with her children and stood at the foot of the sarcophagus, her face streaked with tears, as Mussolini's body was lowered into it.

Outwitted

Her daughter, Countess Edda Ciano, whose husband Mussolini had shot toward the end of the war, supported her and her son Romano and daughter Anna Maria stood by.

Donna Rachelle had outwitted the authorities, who wanted the body buried as soon as possible, by suddenly leaving after a mass had been said over the remains yesterday, before the burial could take place.

Since then, old-time Fascists and young members of the Neo-Fascist movement had all day today been filling past the packing case and the large photograph of the duke propped against it, giving the Fascist salute, or kissing the rough wood.

At the end of the funeral service, Signor Flino Romualdi, a leader of the Neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement, Count Vanni Tedorani, Mussolini's nephew, and other members of the family lifted the packing case and placed it in the travel-trunk marble sarcophagus.

As the heavy lid was lowered into place, those present sang "The prayer of the militiaman," a Fascist religious hymn. — China Mail Special.

Comets Are Back

London, Sept. 1. The Comet will be put back into service in a fortnight after having been grounded for three years as a result of a series of accidents.

The planes will not carry passengers but freight and mail between London and the Middle East. The planes to be put back into service are known as Comet 2-B, an intermediary experimental aircraft between the Comet 1, grounded after the accidents, and the Comet 4 and 4-B, which will be put into regular service next year. — France-Press.

Back To Normal After Merdeka Celebrations

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 1. The population of Malaya seemed today to have settled back to normal after yesterday's excited flush of fresh independence.

Within an hour after the conclusion of a review early today, this city had calmed down to regular quiet Sunday activities, with only a few cars and people moving leisurely about in the brilliant equatorial sunshine while a welcome breeze rippled flags, banners and bunting hanging from the front of scrubbed and polished buildings. — United Press.

Three Die In Landing Accident

Calcutta, Sept. 1. The undercarriage of a British airliner landing with 61 passengers ripped open an Indian DC-3 transport waiting to take off at Dum Dum airport here today, killing three crewmen aboard the Indian plane.

The British airliner landed safely.

A fourth crewman aboard the Alcindor Airlines Corp. DC-3 was seriously injured. There were no passengers aboard.

The crew of the four-engine Handley Page Hermes transport owned by Airwork Ltd. of London was being detained pending a government inquiry.

Down In Rain

The big Hermes, en route from London, was coming down in a rain which cut visibility. The twin-engine DC-3 was waiting on a runway for clearance to take off.

Two of the 65 passengers aboard the Hermes said the wheels of the big plane sliced through the fuselage of the DC-3 like razor blades. All the passengers were believed to be Britons. One woman was treated for shock.

The plane was jolted only slightly and continued on to make a normal landing.

Airport officials said they believed the Hermes pilot misunderstood their landing instructions. — United Press.

DOCTORS TRANSFER KIDNEY

Boston, Sept. 1. Doctors today removed a good kidney from Doris Huskey, 14, and transferred it to her twin sister, Dolores, who is critically ill with a diseased kidney.

The unusual operation took place in adjoining operating rooms at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital here.

Doctors said the results of the operation would not be determined for at least 72 hours, and everything had gone as smoothly as in four previous similar operations at the hospital. — China Mail Special.

Chaplin's Son To Marry

Corsier, Sept. 1. Charles Chaplin's actor son Sydney will marry movie star Judy Holliday before the end of the year, a friend of the family said today.

Sydney, 31, brought Miss Holliday home to meet the folks yesterday at his father's lakeside home at nearby Vevey. The couple's trip to Europe sparked rumours that a marriage was imminent and the family friend, who declined to be identified, confirmed them today. — United Press.

REDS' SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST NATO CHIEF

London, Sept. 1. German General Hans Spödl, Nato Army Commander in Europe, has accused the Communists of forging documents in an effort to get him dismissed from his post in disgrace, a London newspaper said today.

The Empire News, in a Paris dispatch, referred to a Communist East German newspaper charge accusing Spödl of guilt in the assassinations of King Alexander I of Yugoslavia and French Foreign Minister Jean Louis Barthelemy at Marseilles in 1934.

The East German paper "Neues Deutschland" quoted alleged documents on an "Operation Teutonic Sword." The letters, alleged to be assassination plans, were supposedly dated in October, 1934, when Spödl was personal assistant to the German military attaché in Paris.

Forgeries

"These documents are forgeries," Spödl was quoted as telling an Empire News reporter. "The postscript is not in my handwriting and I never would have written that I had destroyed the orders received."

Spödl said the Communist charge was part of a campaign they began against him last year.

"They would like to see not only that I disappear from my position with Nato, but would like a complete destruction of everything that I stand for," Spödl was quoted.

Through this a break between Nato and Germany is hoped for and consequently that Nato should fall apart. — United Press.

Soviet Embassy Official Killed In Car Accident

Jerusalem, Sept. 1. The Soviet Embassy second secretary, Victor Nikolayev, was killed tonight when his car crashed into a wall on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

An Embassy employee identified as Constantin Kokovkin, 45, and his daughter, Gita, 8, were taken to Tel Aviv Municipal Hospital with serious injuries.

A Soviet embassy official immediately took all identification from the bodies and refused to give police any information about the victims or the accident.

Witnesses who saw the car zigzagging across the main Tel Aviv highway before it crashed into the wall said apparently a tyre had blown out at high speed. The car was badly damaged. — United Press.

165 Dead

New York, Sept. 1. About 165 people have been killed so far in road accidents over the long "Labour Day" weekend in the United States, it was announced today. — France-Press.

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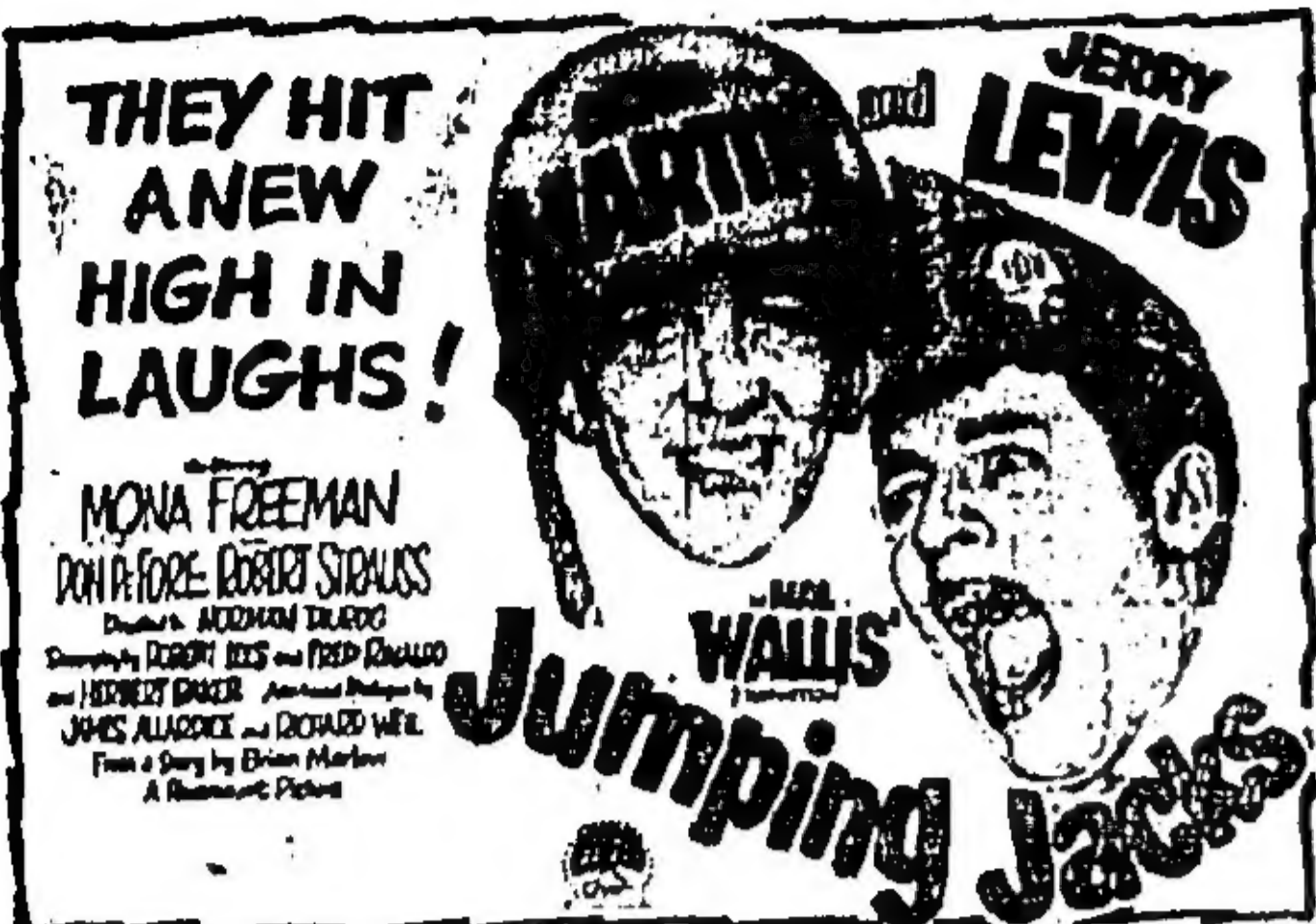
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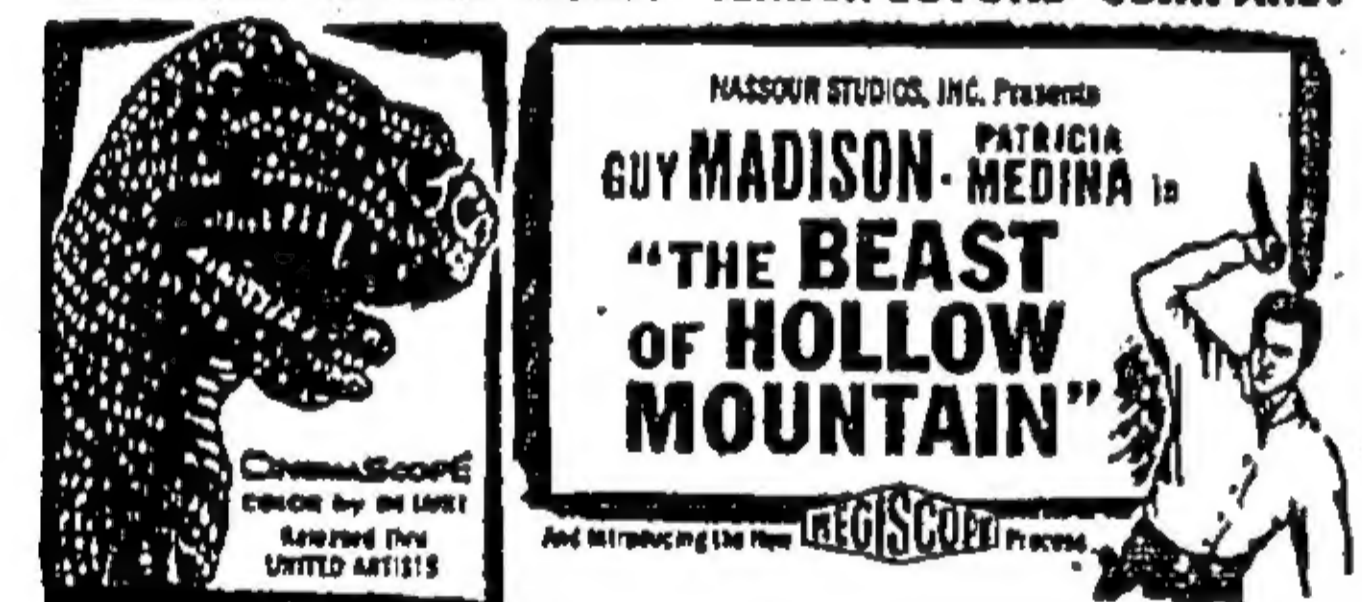
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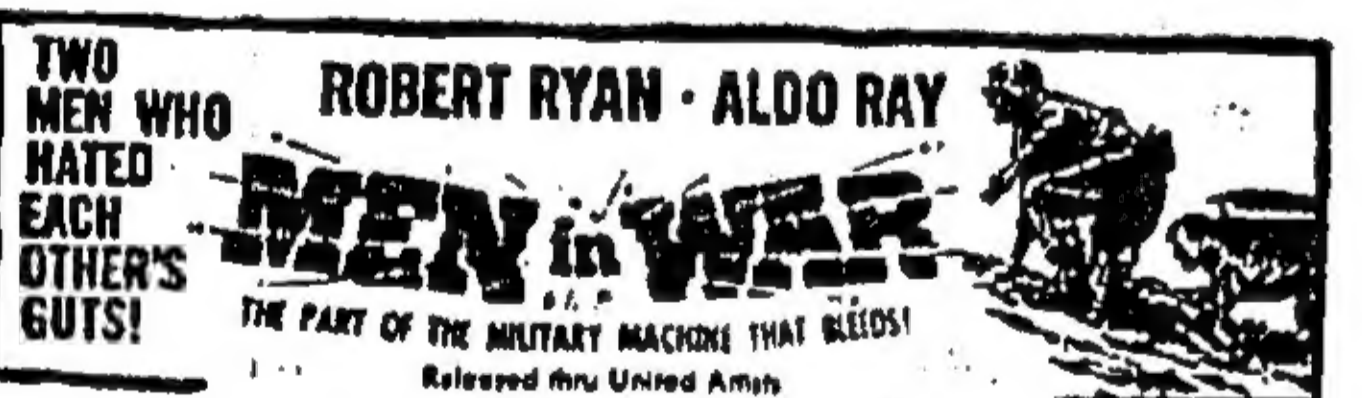
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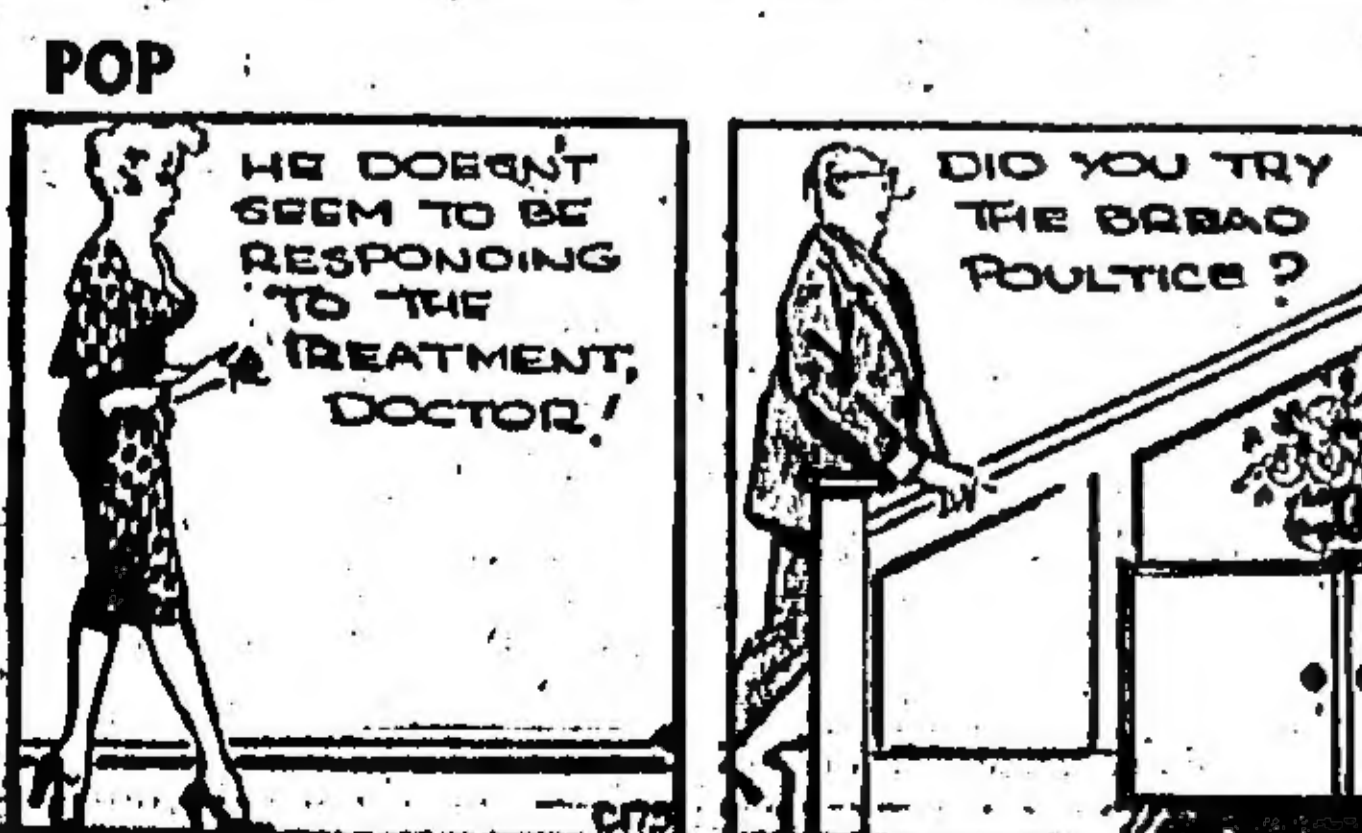
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WEST GERMAN GROUP SEEK TRADE PACT WITH PEKING

Nine-member Delegation Arrives In HK

A nine-member West German trade delegation, consisting of industrialists, trade and banking officials is scheduled to leave the Colony for Canton and Peking on Thursday.

Five of the members including the leader, Herr Otto Wolff von Amerongen, Chairman of the Eastern Trade Committee of West German industrialists, a body backed by the West German Economic Ministry, arrived this morning by air.

Herr von Amerongen said that the purpose of the three-week trip was to see if there was a possibility of a trade agreement with the Chinese authorities.

This is the first West German trade delegation to enter China. On the prospects of trade, Herr von Amerongen said that during the past year, trade between the two countries had been "not so bad."

Not Spectacular

"We had certain increases during the last three years. However, we don't expect any spectacular developments on this trip. The main purpose," continued Herr von Amerongen, "will be the development of direct trade between West Germany and China."

Generally speaking, 70 per cent of Chinese imports into West Germany pass through other countries and similarly with 50 per cent of West Germany's exports to China. We think that by concluding some sort of trade agreement, there will be better direct contacts between West German business circles and different companies in China.

He said that he didn't think that the absence of diplomatic relations between the two countries would hinder trade because the business was carried out by private firms. The main commodities which West Germany would normally export to China would be in the general line of traditional products such as chemicals and machinery.

Cash Basis

He thought that there would be a certain increase in trade, "but it depends on the possibilities of importing Chinese goods into Germany." He said that all trade would be carried out on a cash basis. The five members joined three already in the Colony and the remaining member of the party is expected here tomorrow.

JOSS-STICK DEALER FINED

A 28-year-old joss-stick dealer, Li Leun, was fined \$300 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning for applying a false trade description to eight baskets of joss-sticks and five cases of joss-colls.

Defendant, of No. 120, Yee Kuk Street, Shamshui, pleaded guilty. Senior Revenue Inspector J. D. Wake said that on August 30, defendant went to the Yuen On wharf at Connaught Road West to take delivery of the joss-sticks and joss-colls.

At the wharf Revenue Officers asked defendant to open one basket for inspection. On opening the officers saw the labels bearing the firm's name, Kwong Man Huen, situated in Shamshui, when in fact the articles were made in Macao, Inspector Wake said.

In mitigation defendant said that the firm, Kwong Man Huen, was formerly in Hong-kong, but it had moved to Macao recently.

60 On Cruelty Charges

Sixty people, including two women, were charged before Miss B. K. Searle at Central Magistracy this morning with playing in a common gaming house and cruelty to animals.

Lam Fung, 40, the first defendant, was additionally charged with keeping a common gaming house.

All defendants, ranging from managers to hawkers, were arrested by a party of Police on Saturday for allegedly playing a cricket-fighting game at 30 Ko Shing Street, second floor. They pleaded not guilty to the charges through Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Messrs E. Zimmern and Co.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Lam was allowed bail of \$500 while the others were allowed bail of \$100 each. The 55 crickets seized by Police as exhibits were ordered to be placed under the custody of their owners and brought before the Court on Friday.

Crushed Against Wall

A 50-year-old Chinese pedestrian, Yip Pin Yuen, living at 33, Castle Road, ground floor, received serious injuries on Saturday afternoon when he was crushed against a wall by a lorry in Robinson Road, near its junction with Castle Road. After the accident, Yip was removed to Queen Mary Hospital, where he died the same evening.

Six Injured

Six people, four young boys, were seriously injured in separate traffic accidents over the weekend.

Man Fined \$1,100

Fong Foo-mon of 135, Des Voeux Road, West, ground floor, was fined a total of \$1,100 or 13 weeks' imprisonment by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy this morning, on three traffic summonses.

He was also disqualified for holding or obtaining a driving licence for 12 months.

The defendant pleaded guilty to permitting his unlicensed lorry to be driven by Fong Nam, who is not a licensed driver. He also admitted that his lorry was not covered by third party insurance.

Sub-Inspector D. G. Carter, prosecuting officer, told the court that on June 10, on a road leading to Chung On Terrace, King's Road, defendant allowed his lorry to drive his unlicensed lorry (for use on a construction site). It was involved in an accident in which a Chinese woman was injured.

The Chinese woman, Kwan Sze of 107, Electric Company quarters, Battery Hill, sustained a compound fracture of her left

Governor Visits Welfare Agencies



The Governor at Tai Hang Tung this morning.—China Mail Photo.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham spent more than an hour this morning visiting Kowloon welfare agencies. He was accompanied by Mr. K. Keen, Social Welfare Officer.

His Excellency first visited the Haven of Hope Sanatorium in Junk Bay, where he was met by Dr. Mary Ashton. He visited the wards and chatted with patients, inquiring from which part of China they came.

After 45 minutes there, the Governor went to Tai Hang Sal Resettlement children's centre, Kowloon City. At the

centre the Governor showed keen interest in the work of the children who were doing embroidery and sewing.

After 10 minutes there he led to visit the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement children's centre in "B" block, where he was met by Mrs. Tsui Hung-kay, Chairman of the Board of the Women's Welfare Association of the Church of Christ in China and Mrs. E. Walling, representative of the Presbyterian Mission on the Board.

Miss Dorothy Lee, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (Youth Welfare) was in the party.

Newspaper Worker Attacked Near Ice House St

A man who works for a newspaper office told Judge K. R. Macfao this morning how he was attacked and robbed in the centre of town in the early morning of July 13 when he was going home from work. The witness, Au Man, said he worked for the Au Man Hung newspaper at 84 Hennessy Road.

On trial in the Victoria District Court was 19-year-old Ng Chung, charged with robbery with violence.

Insp. C. L. Smith, prosecuting, said that the accused was arrested as the result of certain transactions in a mahjong school and an attempted paving of the watch stolen from Au about fourteen hours after the robbery. Au testified that, finishing work at about 2.30 a.m. on July 13, he walked from Wanchai to Central District. When he was passing Ice House Street someone from behind suddenly put an arm around his neck.

Both Eyes

He was punched in both eyes and pushed to the ground. While he was lying there, his wrist watch which he had bought only two months ago, was snatched from him. This left a scar on his wrist.

Au valued his watch at \$70. He said that when he was attacked from behind there seemed to be two assailants, but when he gave chase after his watch had been taken away, he saw only one man.

He followed this man down Ice House Street to Connaught Road near the "Star" Ferry, and then lost sight of him. Meanwhile his cries attracted the Police. He was taken round the area several times in a Police car but could not find the robber. He was then taken to hospital for treatment of his injuries. The trial is proceeding.

Suspect Held

The Police have detained a suspect following the theft of money from the pocket of a Chinese pedestrian, in Nathan Road, near Butte Street, on Saturday afternoon.

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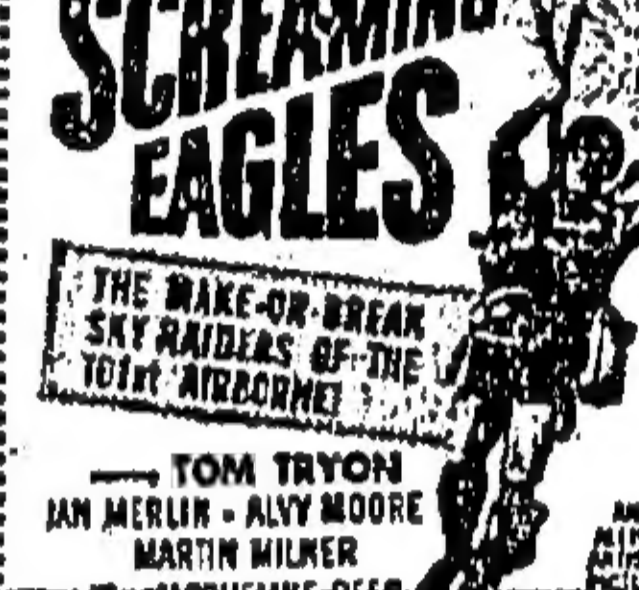


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THE RED MENACE IN AFRICA

London, Sept. 1.
Mr F. C. Erasmus, the South African Defence Minister, arrived here tonight from Vienna for defence talks with the British Government.

He told reporters at London Airport that he would be discussing future defence planning in the light of accumulating evidence, such as we have recently seen in the Middle East, of the tensions and dangers that flow from Communist infiltration into vital strategic areas.

The southward drive of the Hammer and Sickle, he declared, was an ominous portent for Africa.

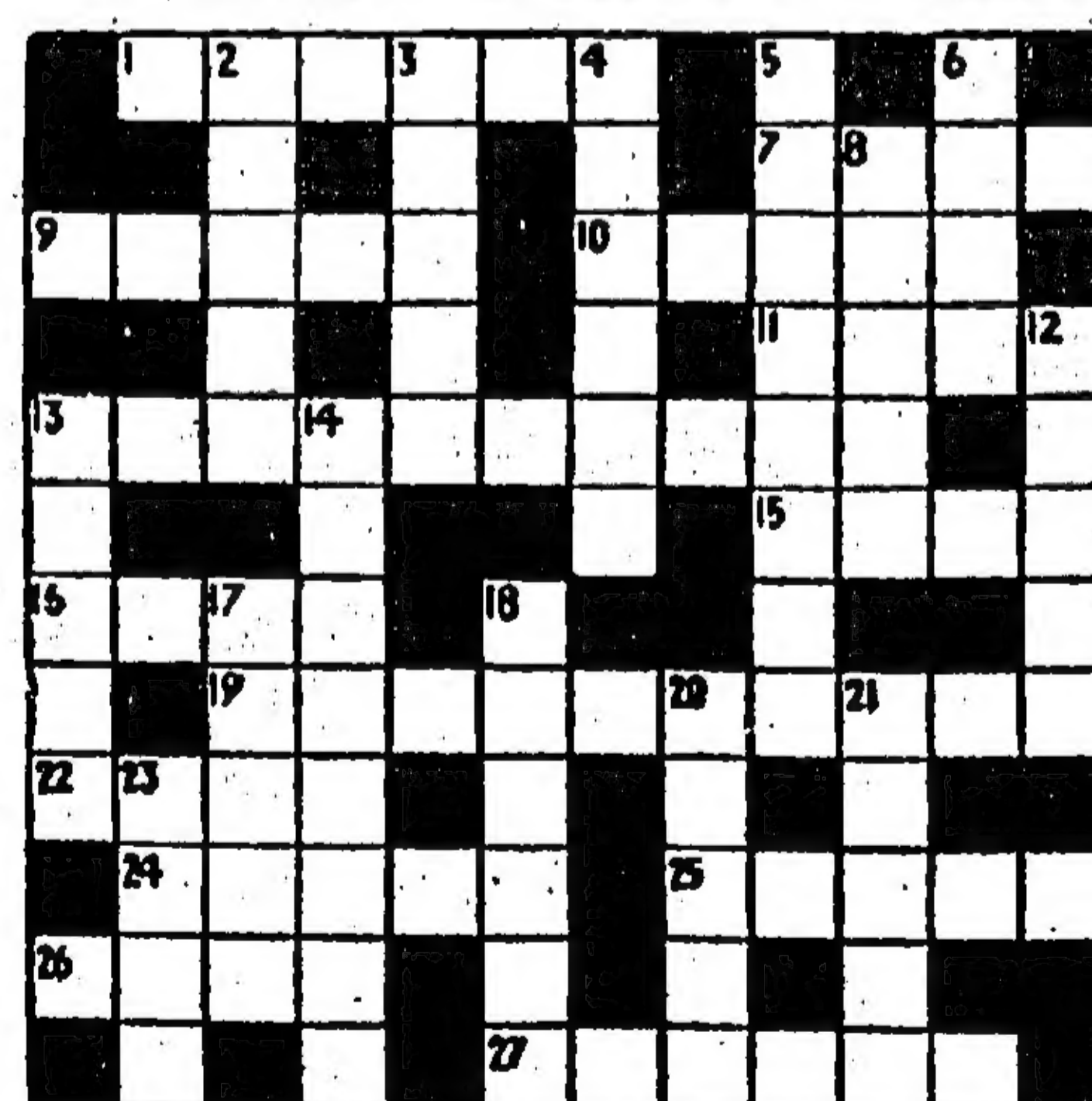
He said: "We in the Union, in common with other European countries in Africa, cannot ignore any indications that the Russians may be coming."

"It is not a question of raising 'needles' but of raising 'the prospect is real enough to justify consultations and South Africa least of all can afford to be complacent about the possibility of Communist infiltration into the continent of Africa."

Not Abandoned

Damascus, Sept. 1.
Mr Khalil Collins, Syrian Minister for National Economy, said here today that Syria's economic and trade links with eastern Europe did not mean she had abandoned her policy of positive neutrality.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Nasty quarrel (6)
 - 2 Mutton producers (4)
 - 3 Swelling (5)
 - 4 Pub talent (5)
 - 5 Counterfence (4)
 - 6 Anxious period for a law-breaker (5, 4)
 - 7 Paid players shortly (4)
 - 8 Clever—and straight! (4)
 - 9 Down in the dumps (10)
 - 10 Jug with a wide spout (4)
 - 11 Carmen, perhaps (5)
 - 12 Creme-de-la-creme (5)
 - 13 What horrid cat (6)
 - 14 Joint-fixer (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 Recovery on the tennis court! (5)
 - 2 Come this and confess (5)
 - 3 Queen of Tonga (6)
 - 4 Left the canvas shelter? (8)
 - 5 Material to be handled (4)
 - 6 Australian horse (6)
 - 7 Let battle commence (5)
 - 8 All keyed up (5)
 - 9 Capital product (8)
 - 10 Dab (6)
 - 11 Bills with dismay (6)
 - 12 Blood relation (5)
 - 13 He can't feel at home (5)
 - 14 It would make one blue (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Aspire, 4 Woods, 7 Reuter, 8 Ankle, 10 Sheep, 12 Animals, 15 Grope, 16 Eyed, 17 Epes, 19 Inane, 20 Disent, 21 Tries, 23 A-part, 24 Bkld, 25 Level (rev), 26 Tannin, 27 Down: 1 Arrested, 2 Passage, 3 Rues (ruse), 6 Ornament, 8 Dilate, 9 Anent, 11 Presque, 12 Aging, 13 Avarice, 14 Bristled, 15 Plimpe, 22 Diva.

CEYLON SIGNS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT

London, Sept. 1.

Sir Claude Corea, Ceylon's High Commissioner in London, said here tonight that his country had just made an important trade agreement with Egypt.

He was speaking to reporters at London Airport after his arrival from Cairo.

"During the talks in Cairo, we came to an agreement to enable Egypt to import tea and to feed the exchange to pay us."

"Purchases of tea worth between £5 million and £6 million a year dropped after the recent (Suez) incident."

"Now we are arranging an agreement so that Egypt can pay for tea imports through an arrangement which involves other countries, including Japan, with whom Ceylon has trade agreements."

TUC Protests MOVE TO REJECT PAY RESTRAINT

Blackpool, Sept. 1.

Union leaders representing most of the 8,300,000 workers affiliated to the Trades Union Congress decided here today to support a call for the total rejection of pay restraint.

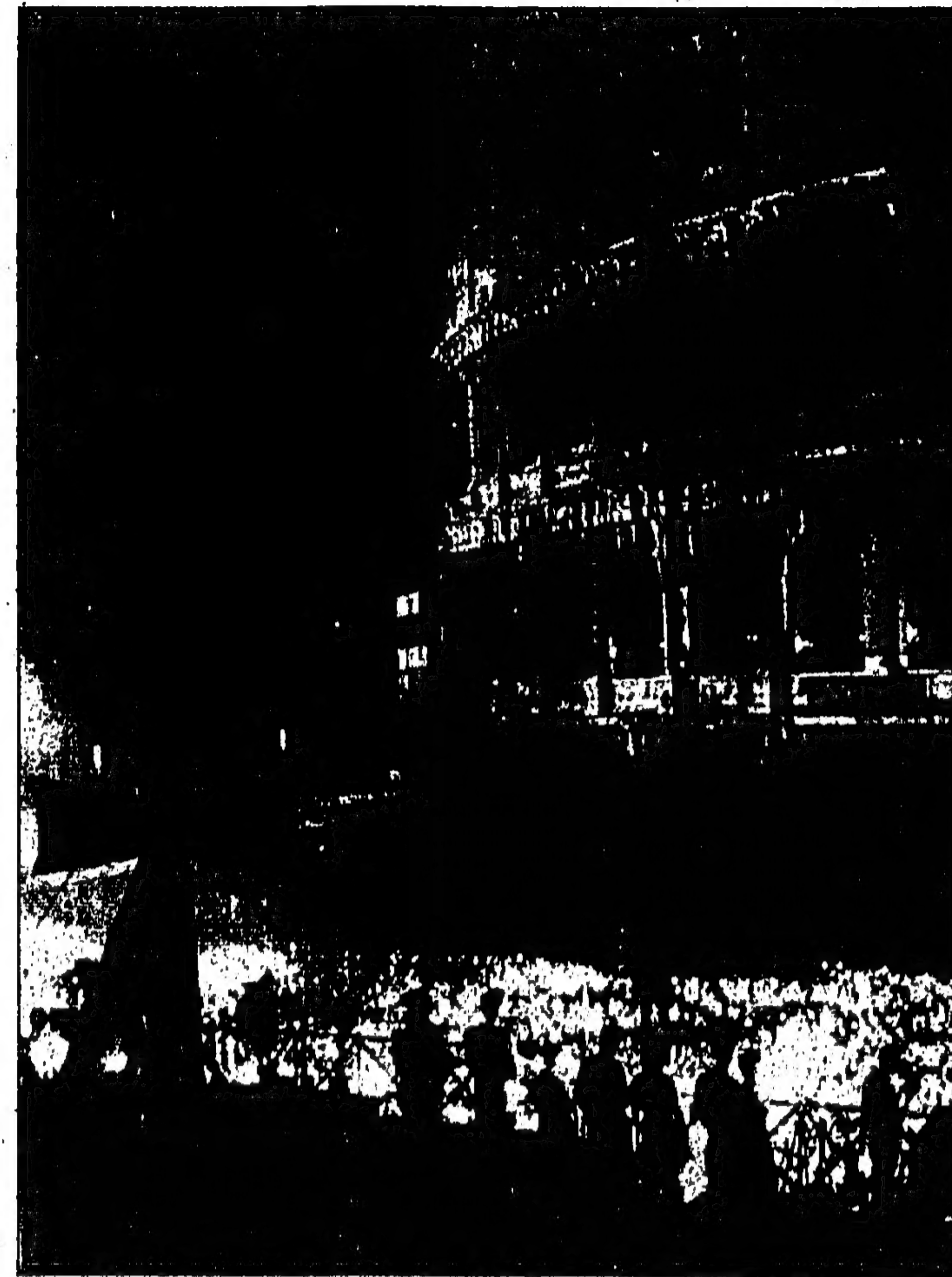
Industrial quarters reported this tonight after a day of private meetings among union chiefs on the eve of the 89th congress.

These quarters predicted a big majority vote in congress against the economic policies of the Conservative Government and its appeals for wage restraint.

The congress, attended by 800 delegates, will therefore be giving a green light to a new round of wage claims from British unions.

Already, the leaders of miners, engineers, railwaymen, transport workers, electricians, shipyard and cinema workers have lined up publicly in opposition to pay restraint.—China Mail Special.

WORKERS' NIGHT RALLY IN ROME



The Race For The ICBM FEAR THAT RUSSIA MAY MAKE THEM FASTER THAN US

Washington, Sept. 1.
Senator Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Sub-committee on Nuclear Weapons, said today that the danger of the Soviet Union producing a workable intercontinental missile was not that it might produce one sooner, but that it might produce them faster.

In a recorded radio-television interview, Senator Jackson (Democrat, Washington State) said the United States and the Soviet Union were probably neck and neck in their race to produce an intercontinental ballistic missile.

He refused to say whether the United States had successfully tested such a missile. The Soviet Union announced last week that it had done so.

Senator Jackson said in his interview that security regulations prevented him from answering questions about ICBM tests.

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Thirty thousand young Catholic workers from many nations took part in a Catholic rally organized by Young Christian Workers' Movement in Rome last week. Photo shows general view during the rally—outside the Colosseum in Rome.—Key-Stone Photo.

MOVE TO BOLSTER SYRIA'S FINANCES

Cairo, Sept. 1.

Finance Minister Abdel Monem El Kaysouny flew to Damascus today with a hard currency offer of help in bolstering Syria's finances.

Political observers said the Egyptian offer, if accepted, might help Syria's neutralist policy and stop the country from drifting into the Soviet bloc.

Egypt owes Syria one million Egyptian pounds (\$2,800,000) for wheat shipments and the Egyptian Government is reported ready to pay part of this amount in hard currency.

Political observers here said Egypt was currently getting a steady flow of foreign currency through Suez Canal shipping and was anxious to check any departure by Syria from a neutralist foreign policy.—United Press.

LEVEL DROPS

London, Sept. 1.

The water level at Harbin, on the great Sungari River in northern Manchuria, fell by four centimetres in the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. today the New China News Agency reported.

But, the Agency said, the water level was still 26 centimetres higher than its peak level during the 1932 flood when much of the City of Harbin was under water for one month.—Reuter.

under the leadership of Brother Nicholas and another prophet, "Brother Vassil", the believers were sometimes obliged to fast for four or five days and then held "fraternal" meetings in the forests.

ARAB LEAGUE HOLDS TALKS TODAY

Cairo, Sept. 1.

Top officials of the Arab countries meet here tomorrow, for the first time since the Jordan and Syrian crisis, for talks on Arab world problems which are expected to last three days.

They have been summoned from Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Lebanon, Iraq, Libya, Egypt and the Yemen for the annual meeting of the Political Committee of the Arab League.

But though the League's Secretary General, Abdel Khalek Hassouna, said in the invitations that the meeting should be at the level of foreign ministers, only Egypt and the Sudan will be represented at this level.

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Dr Mohamed Fawzi, will preside. Her Finance Minister, Dr Abdul Monem El Kaysouny, left earlier today for Damascus for talks with Syrian officials on establishing a "united economic policy" between Egypt and Syria.

Saudi Arabia is sending its deputy Foreign Secretary, Sheikh Yusuf Yassin. The Saudi Ambassador, Sheikh Ibrahim El Soliman, met Mr Hassouna today to discuss tomorrow's meeting.

The Sheikh also had talks with Wing Commander Aly Sabry, President Nasser's Political Adviser, and is understood to have given him details of correspondence between President Eisenhower and King Saud on the Syrian situation.

Mr Hassouna also had talks today with Abu Taleb, the Yemeni Minister here who will represent his country at the committee meeting, and with Mr Dimitri Lambras, the Greek Minister.

Arab support for the Cypriot claim to self-determination is one of the subjects on the committee agenda. At the Yemen dispute with Britain in the Aden area, and the recent rising in the Persian Gulf Sultanate of Oman and Muscat.

Other subjects for discussion include nominations for the Presidency of the Assembly, for which Dr Charles Malik of the Lebanon is a candidate, nominations for the Security Council, Arab refugees, Palestine, Algeria and the Dutch-Indonesian dispute over New Guinea.

Delegates will have a chance to discuss the general situation in the Arab world as well as co-ordinating plans for the United Nations session. Mr Hassouna has prepared about 20 reports for them on various subjects.—Reuter.

US News Gets Splash Treatment POLISH PRESS GLUED TO WEST

By DON DALLAS

Warsaw, Sept. 1.
The eyes of the Polish press these days appear to be glued to the West—particularly across the ocean to the United States.

Close students of Polish newspapers say this has been more noticeable during the past ten days than at any time previously.

Today any news concerning relations between Poland and the United States—even indirect news—is splashed, and very often front-paged, in the Communist Party newspapers.

RUSSIA RECEDED

The impression from a general survey of the Polish press over the past two weeks is that by comparison news about Russia and relations with Russia seems to have receded into the background.

The main exception to this was the Moscow announcement about the testing of an intercontinental missile.

This, as in the West, rated front page play and substantial editorial comment. The disarmament talks in London are also closely followed.

Clearly underlying the present intense Polish interest in the United States is the hope that this great and wealthy country will help Poland in her present economic difficulties.

It is recognized here that any further American help to Poland is tied up with continued American interest in the survival of the present regime, which has declared a policy of independence and national sovereignty.

Official opinion here reiterates that Poland stays, and will stay, within the Socialist camp, led by the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, the newspapers here grasp eagerly at signs

Speed Limit Clamped On

Frankfurt, Sept. 1.

West German cities clamped on a speed limit today for the first time in four years.

Private cars were limited to 30 mph within all built-up areas, from one minute after midnight today.

The speed limit had been lifted in 1953. The traffic death toll rose from 7,500 to 10,014 that year and kept rising to a total of more than 12,700 in 1956, the highest accident rate in the world.

Motorists were warned well ahead of time of today's slow down. In most cities, drivers lifted their feet so far off the accelerator that traffic was moving far below the speed limit.—United Press.

Head-on Crash

Morile, Mexico, Sept. 1.

Seven persons were killed and 20 others injured yesterday in a head-on collision of a bus and truck six miles east of here.

Police said that the truck driver fell asleep and rammed the bus, hurling it into a steep ravine. Three children, all members of one family, were among the dead.—United Press.

THE MOSCOW 'SHAKERS' CAUSE CONCERN

Moscow, Sept. 1.

The Soviet newspaper "Pravda" today expressed concern about the activities of a religious sect headed by a "Brother Nicholas", which forbade its believers to belong to trade unions, attend factory meetings, or engage in "Socialist emulation."

The sect, known as the "Fakladniks" (Pentecostal Brothers) and also called "The Children of God" or "The Shakers," met secretly at night near Moscow to celebrate "Evil Rites," the newspaper said.

Their leader, Brother Nicholas, has been deported two years ago but even during his internment he retained the spiritual leadership of the group.

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THE COLONIAL VOLCANO

By HAROLD JAMES



"At mid-day today," Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd once told his guests at a luncheon, "all was quiet in the Colonial Office."

"Whether it is so now, I don't know."

Mr Lennox-Boyd has been sitting on top of the colonial volcano since 1954.

He has found the quietest territories can erupt without notice.

The motto over the door of his department should be: "Never a dull moment."

Certainly there are brooding, waiting elements in Britain's colonial empire.

And it is a good time now—while the House of Commons is in recess and Members of

Parliament are making themselves pleasant to their constituents—to survey the colonies and perhaps try to foresee what is going to happen next.

What, if anything, is cooking? Are sleeping dogs really sleeping—or are they watching Whitehall through half-closed eyes, ready to pounce when the time is ripe?

Normally, the interval between summer and autumn sees a lull in colonial affairs. As often as not, the Colonial Secretary, as he will be this summer, is on tour. In any case, with the House absent, it is not the occasion for big decisions.

CYPRUS

BUT for one colonial territory, there is no "close season". That is Cyprus. And if Cabinet Ministers are recalled from holiday because of it, it will be just too bad.

It is common knowledge that the Government has planned a new approach to the problem of Cyprus, to be disclosed at the appropriate moment—and certainly before Greece aims the first blow in U.N.O.

Speculation over the Government's intention is rife, often contradictory, and probably wrong. But on two points it is possible to be positive: the

Government will not abdicate from its responsibilities to Cyprus. Nor will it be budged by U.N.O., N.A.T.O., Mr Dulles, or any other outsider.

It will try once more to reach an agreed settlement—but not one imposed by a third party. The plan will be Britain's own. If Britain were to scuttle from Cyprus or accept American dictation in a solution, the Government would be out, for there would be a flare-up among its rank-and-file far exceeding any Tory revolt of recent years. Of this the Prime Minister has been made aware in the plainest terms.

The new approach, whatever form it may take, will be largely the business of the Foreign Office. It will be a matter of bringing Greek and Turk together, and here Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd has a strong card in his hand—the threat of partition. No one likes it, but it could be the ultimate sanction.

MALTA

TURN now to another trouble spot in the Mediterranean.

It is now well over a year since Sir Anthony Eden pledged Britain to the policy of integration with Malta. From April, 1956, the plan has hung fire, thanks to Mr Mintoff's propensity for bargaining.

Negotiations have been prolonged by his illness—a genuine one, incidentally, and not, as some have alleged, a diplomatic indisposition.

Even so, there has been more haggling over the terms of British aid to Malta than over a deal in an Eastern bazaar.

Britain has almost certainly made her last offer. It is reported to be generous in the extreme, and if Mr Mintoff turns it down the Government

should publish the terms for the world to judge.

Mr Mintoff has been holding out for a blank cheque. And that Britain refuses to give.

Time is not on Mr Mintoff's side, for it is increasingly evident that, with the prospect of nuclear warfare and an attenuated British fleet, the importance of Malta as a fortress and as a naval dockyard is on the decline.

There is, as yet, no desire in London to trade on this. What has been offered to Malta has been offered as a tribute to the steadfastness of her people in two world wars.

GHANA

NOW to Africa, where Ghana, having moved to independence, is no longer a colony. But Ghana, now and in the future, will have considerable influence in 'Colonial' Africa.

Neighbouring states, British and French, wait to see whether she will make a success of her newly-found status. African nationalists in East and Central Africa, seeing themselves as "little Nkrumahs," pray that she will win through. European reactionaries in the same part of the world, and white opinion in the Union, hope that she will fail.

At the moment, it looks as if Ghana is in for trouble. "We are bound to make mistakes," said Dr Nkrumah just before he left London.

Barely was he back in Accra than the first one occurred. The deputy editor of Ghana's biggest newspaper was deported. This not only affronted the Commonwealth press, but also caused folk to wonder whether fears of a Nkrumah dictatorship might not be justified.

As a result, Ashanti is again in a state of tension. It only needs a spark to start a conflagration.

It is hard to believe that one who has shown himself capable of real statesmanship as has Dr Nkrumah—should have blundered so badly. The truth is that he is often under heavy pressure from colleagues who lack his poise and experience.

Unhappily for Ghana, there is more than one 'eminence grise' in the Cabinet.

Ghana, the emergent Dominion, is the star turn of the African stage.

Its success or failure, psychologically at any rate, will shape the pattern of independence in Africa.

And that is why, in east, south and west, African eyes turn anxiously to Premier Kwame Nkrumah. Will he mould his country into a firm-voiced democratic unit, or will he submit to the pressure within his own party and sacrifice his—and British—ideals for a petty dictatorship?

Nowhere is the Ghana experiment being more carefully watched than in Nigeria.

NIGERIA

FOR Nigeria is on probation. If all goes well, a federal Nigeria should achieve independence within three years.

But there has been foolish talk in London.

It came at a conference in which there was little time to be foolish—the Nigerian constitutional talks at Lancaster House.

Incredible though it may seem, some Eastern Nigerians threatened to resort to force to obtain "freedom" before the proposed tentative date.

This will find no echo in North or West Nigeria, whose premiers know that the passport to full independence in 1960 is a peaceful period of competent self-government in the regions.

Western Region Premier Obafemi Awolowo, an autocrat

disguised as a democrat, waits patiently and confidently. In the race for the political leadership of Nigeria he is forging ahead of Eastern Premier Dr Adigwe.

KENYA

ON the other side of Africa, Kenya promises to be most in the public eye in the next few months. The visit of Mr Lennox-Boyd will almost certainly provide an occasion for the three races to discuss the constitutional position.

There is, of course, still in being the pledge given by the then Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, that there should be a standstill on this until 1960—unless there was general agreement on a change. But even the right-wing element among the Europeans is coming to feel it will be for the good of the country if the future pattern of constitutional development is discussed and agreed upon now, rather than wait until 1960, with the risk of mutual bitterness increasing in the interval.

It is impossible to predict what the outcome of such discussions might be. But what can be said with some certainty is that much will depend on what the leaders of Britain's Labour Party told Kenya trade union leader, Mr Tom Mboya, in London.

His contacts with them were frequent and close. At least, it would seem so, for when a Parliamentary journalist, seeing Tom Mboya waiting about in the lobby, asked if he could help, he got the answer: "Yes, I'm just waiting for 'Nye'." meaning of course, Mr Aneurin Bevan.

It is unlikely that Labour leaders will have committed themselves to any time-table for political advance in Kenya or to the adoption of universal suffrage and a common roll without first a long period of probation in the form of selective suffrage and firm guarantees for minorities.

In short, Mr Mboya will have probably realised that what counts with the Labour Party is what is said by the Opposition.

Front Bench—not the vapourings of their Left-wing.

THE next month or two may see more light on the so-called British "base" in Kenya. In fact, it has never been proposed that there should be a "base" in the ordinary sense of the word, in East Africa. There is a vast difference between that and the set-up for a British battalion or two in the country which Mr Sandys is understood to have in mind.

To the south, both Tanganyika and the Federation of Central Africa will have visitors, for in the next few weeks a United Nations delegation will be touring the former and two batches of Members of Parliament will be visiting both areas.

Will these Members be able to submit an agreed report to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on their return? There is more likelihood of this happening with the Tanganyika delegation, for Rhodesia and Nyasaland will be humming over the action of the African Affairs Board in reporting to the British Government the Constitution Amendment Bill, with its contentious provisions for choosing African members of the Federal parliament.

It is doubtful if Conservative and Socialist members of the delegation will see eye to eye over this. Certain it is that it will give rise to a lengthy debate on Westminster before the year is out.

AND, of course, Malaya has just moved from Colony to Commonwealth. The process of moving to a higher status has been achieved with the minimum of fuss and discord, thanks largely to the wisdom of the Chief Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

MALAYA

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And, of course, the speeches to be sung for her by the prima donna of the opera.

(London Express Service).

Are sleeping dogs really sleeping—or are they waiting with half closed eyes watching Whitehall?

Cyprus

what new card does the Government hold, and plan to throw?

Malta

is England engaged to a frippet, and will the wedding go through?

Ghana

how important is it that this little State wins out?

Nigeria

there was some foolish talk in London at a time—that wasn't a time for fools.

Kenya

so everyone thinks different—but they all think it's time to have a talk.

Malaya

will people abide by Merdeka compromises that have pleased no one so far—or will communal rivalry be unleashed?

Trinidad

tact, not toughness, is needed—and a first rate team, not the "second eleven."

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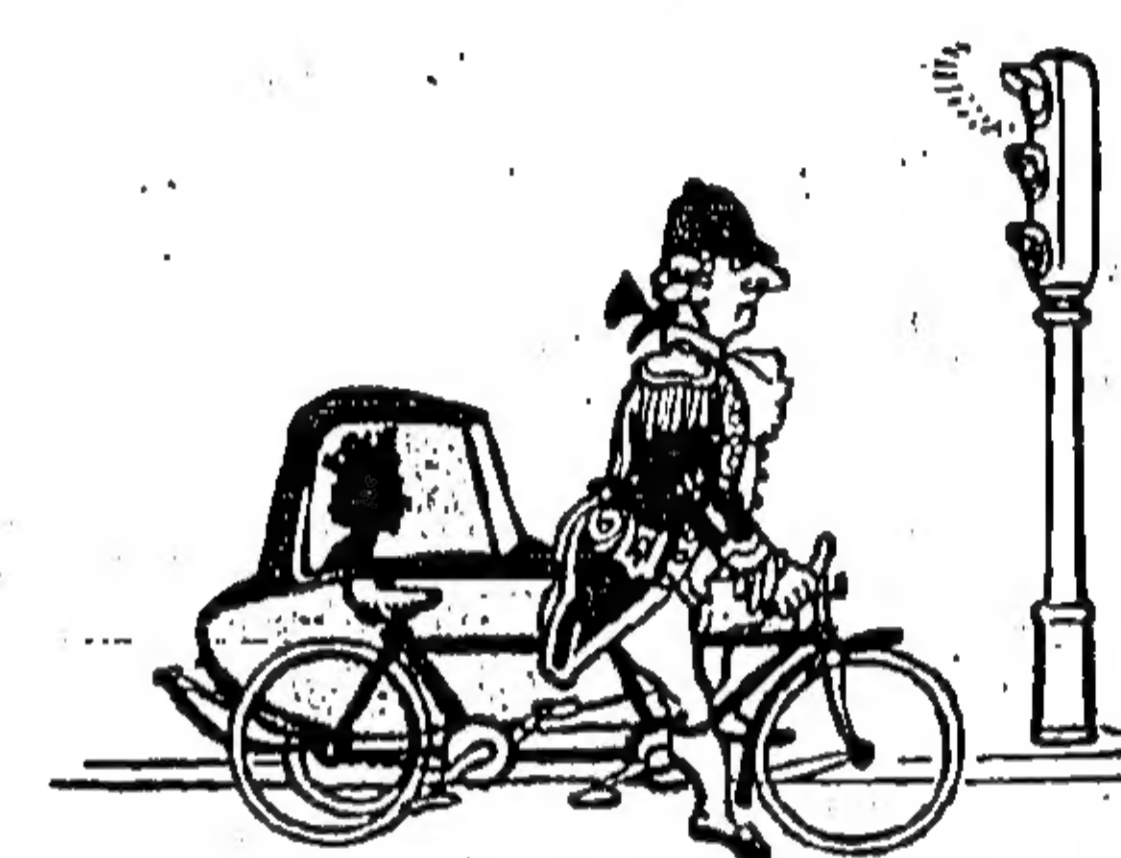
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THE QUEEN—AS THOSE LORDS WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER... by CUMMINGS



Her Majesty on the way to open Parliament (ceremony delayed owing to traffic in Oxford-st.)...



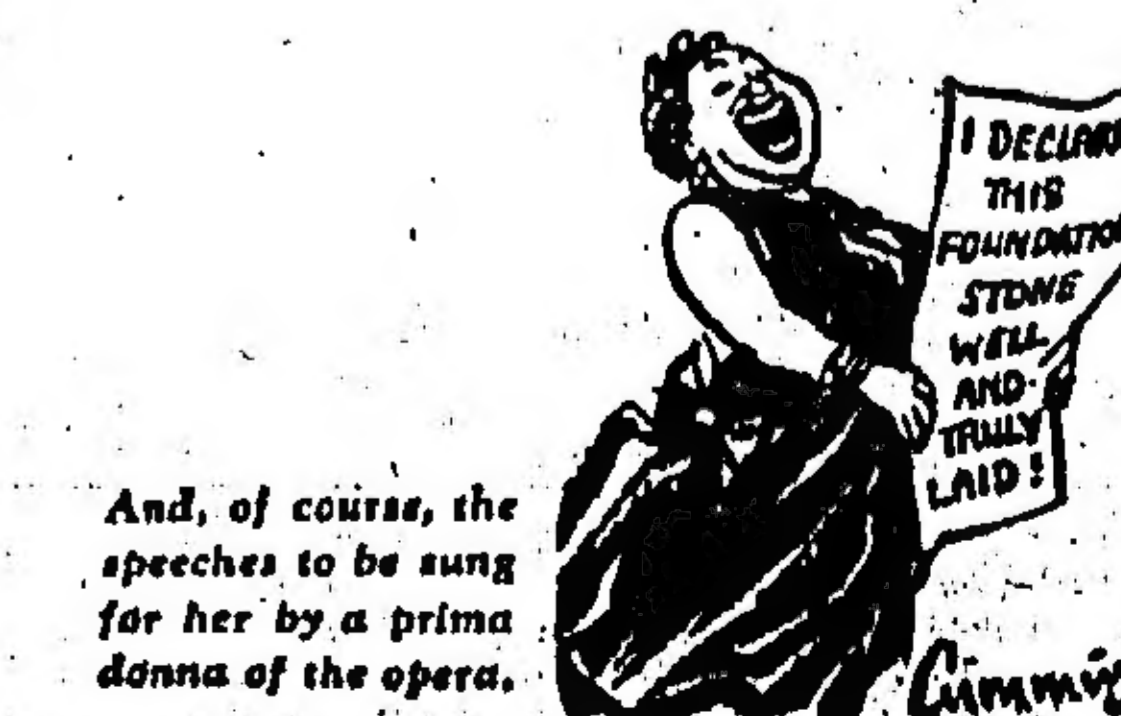
Buckingham Palace exchanged for a more democratic home...



State banquet for foreign Prime Minister in strictly "non-tweedy" surroundings...



All her speeches to be written by a committee composed of Sir Winston, Bertrand Russell, Evelyn Waugh, and T. S. Elliot...



And, of course, the speeches to be sung for her by the prima donna of the opera.

Guided Missile Parts Will Be 'Embalmed'

A REVOLUTIONARY method of assembling delicate parts in radio, TV equipment, guided missiles and electronic instruments has been perfected by scientists. The method is to "embalm" them in resin.

The resin is moulded into blocks with the parts inside them. It acts as an insulator. It can withstand high temperatures and some varieties can be made flexible and shock-proof.

The technique means that instruments of the future can be made much smaller. The resin will be used to protect vital instruments inside guided missiles against heat and violent shock.

Designers at the Ministry of Supply believe that they can now plan missiles capable of speeds far greater than current types.

(London Express Service).

CRAIGENGOWER WIN FOURTH TITLE

CCC & Recreio Fours To Contest The Open Rinks Final

Craigengower Cricket Club completed their bumper year in the Colony Lawn Bowls League on Saturday by annexing their fourth title of the season—the Second Division Championship—in a unique fashion.

Pitted against the then bottom-placed Hongkong Cricket Club twelve, they required only three more points to put themselves out of reach of their closest rivals, Club de Recreio, who were engaged against Kowloon Cricket Club the same afternoon, but went down to the cricketers in a sensational upset defeat by four points to one.

It took the Craigengower bowlers a full night before they realised that they had won the Second Division Championship. Calling up the Kowloon Cricket Club, they were told that Recreio had defeated their opponents by 6-0, and this result appeared to be confirmed when Rediffusion also announced a 5-0 win for Recreio in its sports programme the same night.

MOST VALUABLE

For the Hongkong Cricket Club their win over the Second Division League Champions was not only a most creditable one but also most valuable. It took them out of the bottom berth in the League tables when United Services Recreation Club came through in their match against Hongkong Football Club with only one point, and now puts them at an advantage when they clash against the USRC in their final match to decide which team will be relegated into the Third Division next season.

Playing top form bowls, they were full value for their 4-1 win against the Valley club on Saturday and among them L. C. Kew, K. Almas, and skips T. C. Morgan and F. Howarth deserve special mention for their exceptionally fine bowling throughout the afternoon.

Frank Howarth enjoyed one of the best games he has ever played, making no fewer than 40 of his 42 woods count, and giving some very fine support from his front men, R. C. Trail, N. Henton, and A. W. Brown, there was little that the Craigengower four of P. R. Tagli, S. It. Sollina, T. A. Leonard and R. Tey could do to stop their opponents from securing a comfortable 24-13 win.

The second HKCC four of A. E. Coleman, W. H. Prichard, D. Trail, and T. O. Morgan were 2-7 down against C. F. Santos, A. K. Ismail, J. Pau and F. O. Madar by the eighth head but picked up a three and a four on the next two heads to lead by 9-7 at the ten interval. After tea there was only one team in the match and that was the HKCC four. They piled up nine shots on the next four heads and ended up with a convincing 28-11 win.

THEN A LAPSE

A lapse by them on the next five heads proved to be their undoing. The CCC four piled up four twos and a single to draw level at 12-12 and gradually take the lead at 17-14 by the 18th head. Although the HKCC four drew level at 17-17, they lost a five on the 19th head and could only muster a three and a single on the last two heads to lose by 21-22.

Although Craigengower Cricket Club would have still been in a good position if Recreio had won their match against KCC by 6-0, as they would need only one point in their match against Recreio next Saturday, they have to thank the KCC twelve in general and the KCC four of R. Tai, E. P. White, G. Lee and R. S. Capill in particular for presenting them the title by their brilliant 3-2 win over Recreio.

The Third Division games produced a dramatic upset in the defeat of League-leading Hongkong Police Sports Association by Indian Recreation Club. By losing to the Indians by 4½ to ½, the HKPSA twelve dropped into second place, giving way to Recreio who scored a 4-1 win over Hongkong Football Club.

RINKS FINALISTS

Teams from Craigengower Cricket Club and Recreio will contest the final of the Colony Open Rinks Championship at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, September 15, as a result of yesterday's two remittal matches.

At Hongkong Football Club, the Craigengower Cricket Club four of W. C. Young, L. A. Silva, R. Tey and C. C. Ma edged out M. McKay, W. Riley, W. Davidson and R. Gourlay in a thrilling match by 20-18.

Although the match did not draw out top form from all the eight bowlers, it was closely contested throughout the 21 heads.

The score was tied at 4-4 on the 7th head, 8-8 on the 11th head and 9-9 on the 13th head. The Craigengower four then forged ahead to 13-9 and 15-11 by the 17th head, with his opponents lying three shots, Davidson succeeded in his heavy drive and took the Jack into the ditch for a count of two. Skip Gourlay added in two more shots to register a count of four.

The Craigengower four retaliated in a similar fashion on the next head. With the Dock four lying three shots, Tey took a heavy drive and took the Jack into the ditch for a count of three. Skip Ma added in the fourth shot.

On both heads all the shots were almost three yards away from the Jack and strangely enough both sides failed to come in to save with their two woods.

Although they were 15-19 down with two more heads to go, the Dock four put up a spirited comeback on the next head by scoring a closely drawn three.

On the last head skip Ma made the winning shot when with his opponents lying the shot about one and half feet behind, he succeeded in tapping up his own side's wood a few inches for the shot. In trying to take it out, Gourlay was narrow and the match ended with a 20-18 win for the Craigengower four.

DECISIVE WIN

At Kowloon Dock Club, the Recreio four of R. C. Sales, A. A. Collico, A. P. Pereira and C. C. Pereira, sparked by some brilliant play by their skip, scored a decisive 24-14 win over the KCC four of D. B. Sequeira, H. Phoenix, G. Madar and J. E. Duffield.

The KCC four started promisingly by scoring six shots on the first five heads, but faltered after that.

The Recreio four replied with a total of 13 shots on the next six successive heads to lead by 13-6 and never looked back after that to win comfortably by 24-14.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Colony Open Rinks Semi-finals
At KCC
R. C. Sales, S. A. Collico, A. P. Pereira, C. C. Pereira (Recreio) beat D. B. Sequeira, H.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division

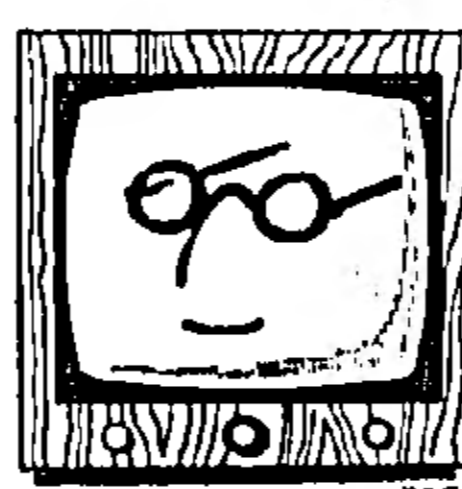
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CCC	14	10	4	0	52
Recreio	14	10	4	0	47½
KCC	14	9	5	0	41½
IRC "Blue"	14	8	6	0	41
KBC	14	8	6	0	38
KBGC	14	3	11	0	22½
IRC "Gold"	13	2	11	0	10½

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
CCC	17	15	2	0	64½
Recreio	17	13	4	0	58
FC Red	17	9	8	0	47
KCC	17	7	10	0	40½
PRC	17	8	9	0	39
HKFC	17	7	10	0	38½
FC Blue	17	7	10	0	34
HKCC	17	5	12	0	33
USRC	17	5	12	0	30½

Third Division

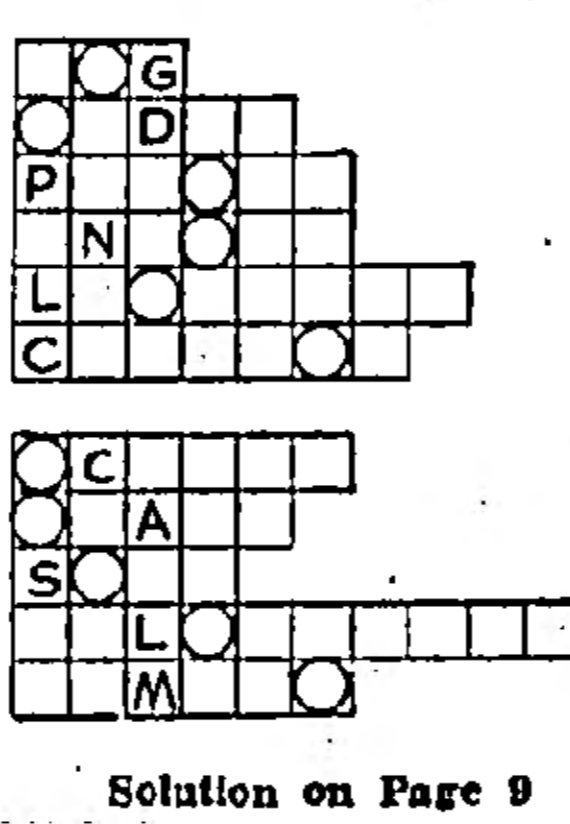
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Recreio	15	13	2	0	57½
HKPSA	15	13	2	0	57
Stanley	14	9	5	0	46½
HKERC	10	9	7	0	45
KBGC	10	9	7	0	43½
IRC	14	10	4	0	43
PRC	15	6	9	0	32½
KCC	14	4	10	0	20½
HKCC	14	3	11	1	22½
HKFC	14	4	10	0	21
HKCC	16	1	14	1	15



- 1 Prevent speech
- 2 Short wave?
- 3 Of tiny feet?
- 4 Girl's name
- 5 Merriment
- 6 M.C.
- 7 Performing
- 8 Fare one
- 9 Parody
- 10 Commercial?
- 11 Light play

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



Solution on Page 9

Going by air?



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Malaya Beats Burma 5-2 In Merdeka Soccer Tournament

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 1.

Malaya defeated Burma by five goals to two after leading 4-2 at half time for the "Prime Minister's Cup" in the Merdeka Games Soccer Championship.

Vietnam defeated Singapore 2-1 with no score at half-time in their replay today. They drew 5-5 in yesterday's match.

Malaya opened their account against Burma with a goal after 19 minutes and another after 24 minutes. Burma reduced the lead by a powerful drive from Kyau, but Malaya, combining well with short, quick carpet passes, were obviously a much better team and their lead of 4-2 at half-time was fully deserved.

Malaya scored another point immediately after the turn around and thereafter took the game rather easily. The Burma defence was hesitant and frequently caught wide open by the nimble Malayan forwards.

The scorers for Malaya were Hong Leong, Slang Hock, Govindaraju, Wai Hong and Ghani. Scorers for Burma were Kyau and Fekhin.

BEST FOOTBALL

The game between Vietnam and Singapore produced some of the best football ever seen in this part of the world. The two teams, which played yesterday for 100 minutes without a decision, were almost as close today in power and skill as they were yesterday.

Vietnam got only two chances in the whole game and they scored both times. Singapore got only one break, three minutes from the end. That too resulted in a goal.

For most of the second half of the game, Singapore struggled hard to overcome a two goal deficit but Vietnam defended doggedly, packing the goal area and keeping the plucky islanders at bay. To and Den scored for Vietnam and Cortine for Singapore.

In the third match of the day, Thailand beat Cambodia by 3-0. The latter were no match for the young T. Islanders in any department of the game, be it speed, precision or power.

Prasun had two goals for his side and Sophon had the other.

BASKETBALL

Hongkong beat Indonesia by 64 to 60 and Formosa beat Malaya by 69-52 tonight in two Merdeka basketball games played at the Chinwo Stadium.

Hongkong led by six points at the interval but Indonesia struck a brilliant streak at the beginning of the second half and not only went on to draw level but actually piled up a 10 point lead.

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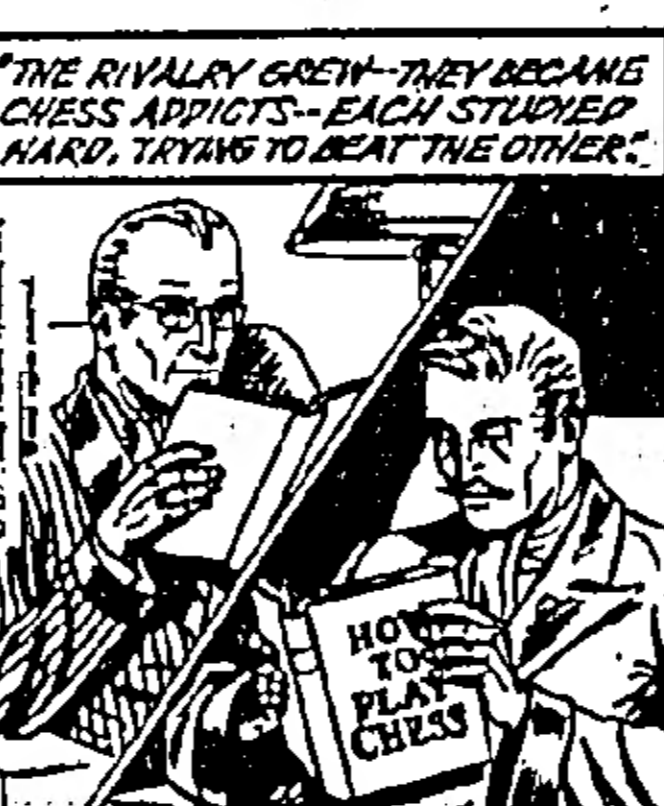
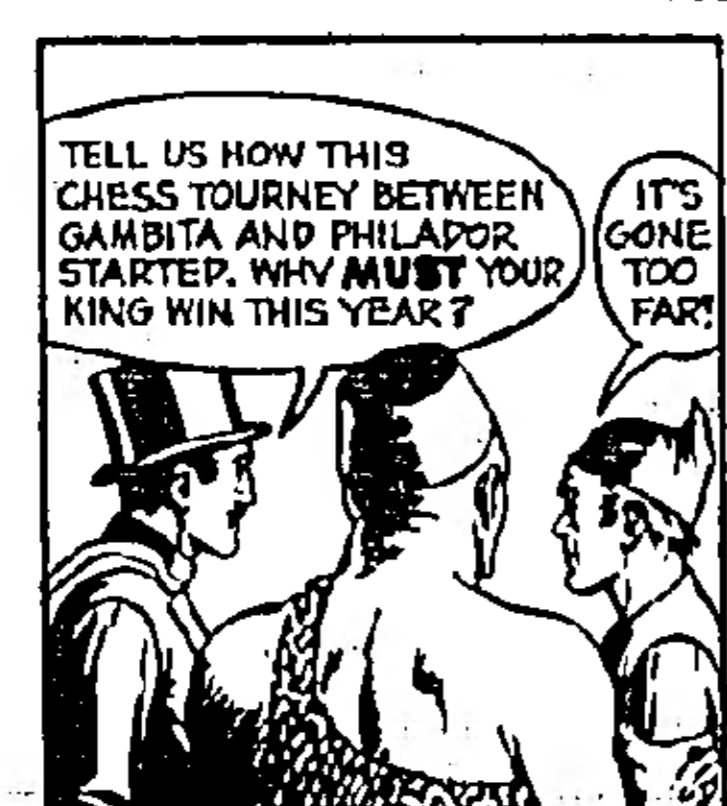
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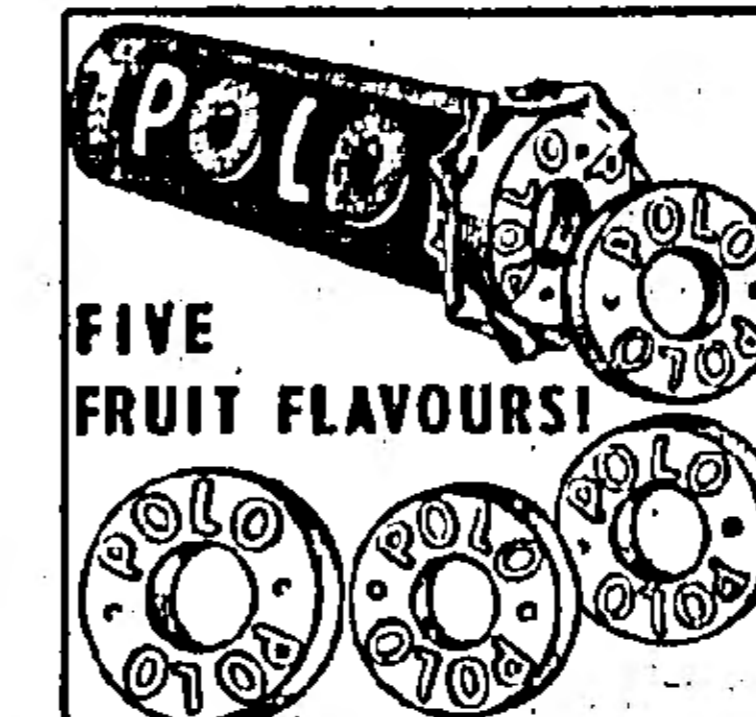
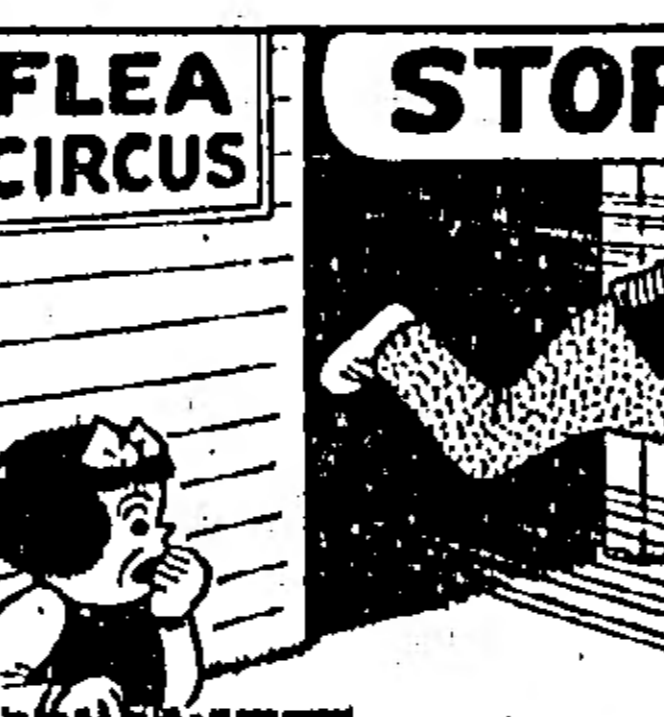
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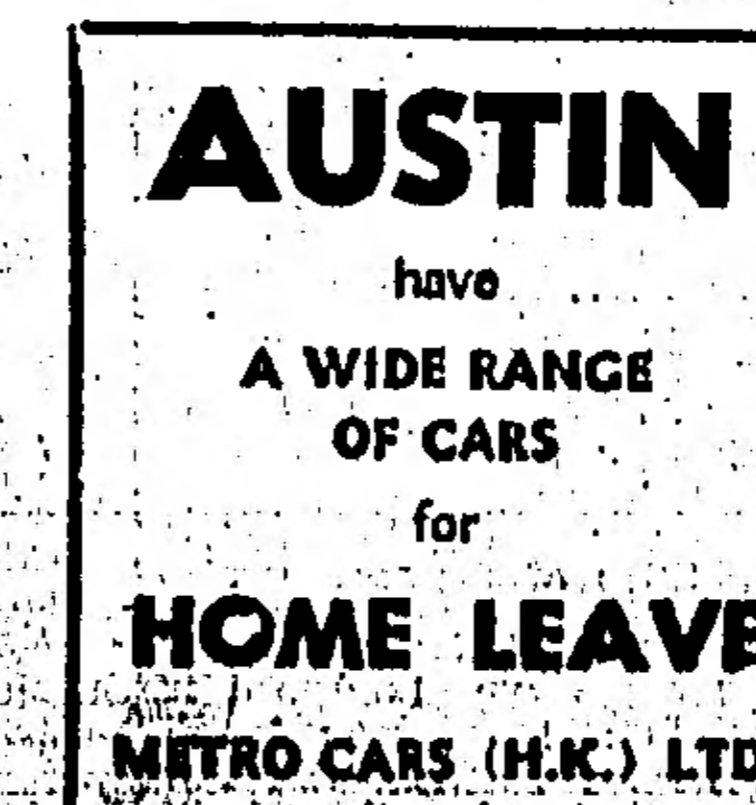
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\$5 MILLION MOONCAKE SPREE

This Week Hongkong Prepares For The Mid-Autumn Festival

by Francis Boey
China Mail Feature Writer

DURING this week and on to September 8, Chinese families both rich and poor will spend an estimated \$5 million on mooncakes to celebrate the Chinese Eighth Moon Mid-Autumn Festival.

To the Chinese, especially the womenfolk, this traditional festival which falls yearly on the fifteenth day of the eighth moon far surpasses in importance those of New Year, the Dragon Boat Festival and the Emperor's birthday.

It was also one of the few holidays in Imperial days when officers were closed to enable citizens to celebrate the festival in grandiose style, pageantry and gaiety.

Since last month, confectionery, bakeries and ten houses have been turning out mooncakes around the clock to cope with the demand around this mid-autumn period.

It is therefore not surprising that the business done during the festival equals in many cases the bulk of the income these shops receive for the whole year.

What Goes Into A Mooncake

By S. S. Wai

A Western couple were curiously scanning the show-window of a Chinese store where mooncakes were prominently displayed.

They hesitated, wondering whether to buy some. They were apparently new arrivals and were curious to know how these strange cakes taste.

Well, for the benefit of people like this, let me give them some idea about this time-honoured Chinese delicacy in the hope that they will get a timely taste of it this year before it abruptly disappears from the market after the lapse of the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (as the cake is usually stewed away even unsold after the festival to show that good business has been done).

Two Kinds

There are two main kinds of mooncakes in China, namely "Shanghai mooncake" and "Cantonese mooncake", which all appear on the market about one month before the Mid-Autumn Festival comes round on the 15th day of the 8th moon on the Chinese calendar.

As Hongkong's population is predominantly Cantonese, Cantonese cakes are chiefly displayed here while the Shanghai variety are on sale on a very limited scale.

The Cantonese mooncake has a round shape, usually one-inch thick with a weight of 4 ozs each and its gleaming brown top is embossed with figures and Chinese characters. The Shanghai cake is round, much thinner and smaller and has a lustreless and plain top.

The Cantonese cake has a very thin crust made of flour inside of which is entirely the ingredient specified therein. There are many kinds of Cantonese cakes containing different ingredients. Among them may be mentioned "mashed lily seed" paste, "mashed bean paste", "mashed coconut" and "mashed date paste" mooncakes, etc.

Salt egg yolks are usually embedded in the "mashed lily seed paste" and "mashed coconut" mooncakes. The cakes are known by the ingredients they contain. A large quantity of edible oil or lard and sugar are used to make the contents glistening and for that reason the palatable Cantonese mooncake is very hard to digest.

Savoury

"Mashed coconut" and "mashed lily seed paste" cakes are considered to be the best of all, especially when they contain salt egg yolks. The "mashed bean paste" cake, is no less palatable for its own peculiar taste.

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Biggest Spree

The manager of a local bakery where a firm sells more than \$300,000 worth of mooncakes every year told me that contrary to what some people are led to believe, the Mid-Autumn Festival spending spree by the Chinese people far exceeds that at Chinese New Year.

"In Hongkong total sales of mooncakes are around the \$5 million mark," he said. And stranger still is the fact that it is poor working-class people who buy the bulk of the mooncakes. It has been the tradition among working-class people to present mooncakes, fruits and wines to their superiors in order to be held in esteem.

To enable them to buy mooncakes without having to pay in one lump sum, mooncake shops issue easy payment coupons throughout the year. These coupons vary in price ranging from \$1.50 to \$3. Coupons are sold monthly for a period of 12 months at the end of which each one entitles a customer to four to eight boxes of mooncakes depending on the quality he chooses. Mooncakes with the egg yolk are the more expensive ones.

There are several versions on the origin of the mooncake festival handed down from father to son through the centuries.

One which is popularly accepted has its origin in the reign of the Ming dynasty. It was believed that when the first Ming ruler was trying to force out the Yuan dynasty of the Mongols, a certain Liu Pao-wen entered Peking city incognito. He called his people together and a plan was agreed upon that on the fifteenth day of the eighth moon they should light their lanterns that night to signify the start of the rebellion.

The Roundest

It was also stated that cakes would be distributed with a message in it to tell the people when to light the lanterns for the revolt. This worked successfully and as a result the Mongols left the city en masse at this time. And this was also how the mooncake got its name.

According to the Chinese Almanac the fifteenth day of the eighth moon was the only night of the year when the moon is roundest. The Chinese also believed that it was on that night of the year when one cannot see one's shadow because the moon is directly overhead.

Thus every year, Chinese old and young and wherever they are celebrate the fifteenth day of the eighth moon as did their fathers before them.



These four pictures, taken by our staff photographer at a prominent mooncake manufacturer's premises last week show the various stages of preparation. The topmost picture shows the cooks preparing the pastry, below, other cooks preparing the filling. Below that, cooks stack trays of uncooked mooncakes before putting them in the oven, and the bottom picture shows the finished product being displayed in a box of four.

FRANKFURT FAIR OPENS

HK DOUBLES THE SIZE OF ITS DISPLAY

Frankfurt, Sept. 1. Exhibits from Hongkong at this year's International Frankfurt Fair cover double the space at last year's Fair, a spokesman for the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce said.

About 70 Hongkong firms show, either at own stands or represented by agents, their goods in an impressive collective show at the International Frankfurt Fair which opened today.

The total number of exhibitors is almost 3,100, including about 900 from 35 nations abroad. The Hongkong show belongs to the 18 national pavilions or collective shows grouped on both sides of the "Avenue of Nations" which crossed the Frankfurt Fair grounds.

The exhibition is divided into two sections. One of them houses a general display of goods which Hongkong is able to supply and the other is reserved to the displays of individual exhibitors.

Confident

A spokesman for the Hongkong exhibitors said he and his colleagues were confident that they would do good business at the fair, not only judging from the highly satisfactory results achieved last year, when they took part in a Frankfurt Fair for the first time, but also because they have already received numerous inquiries on the opening day this year.

Primary purpose of the exhibition was to increase sales to West Germany, but the opportunity to establish new contacts with foreign visitors to the fair would also be used. This morning, for instance, a British businessman came to the Hongkong show to make business inquiries. The spokesman said that visitors from Scandinavia, the United States and other countries were also expected to collect business information or conclude contracts in the Hongkong show.

The spokesman said the reduction of German import duties which recently became effective was expected to help considerably to promote sales from Hongkong to West Germany.

Competitive

This year, exhibitors from Hongkong chiefly concentrated on displaying textiles which they felt were highly competitive on German market, the spokesman said. Another important export item was rubber footwear which manufacturers from Hongkong could offer considerably cheaper than their German competitors. The show is supplemented by a large information stand where replies to all kinds of inquiries concerning Hongkong goods are given.—China Mail Special.

16-storey Building For Kowloon

BY A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Yet another skyscraper is springing up in Kowloon and will be ready for occupation by the end of next year.

The Mirador Mansion which occupies 40,000 square feet in Tsimshatsui district, is 16-stories high and will have all together about 800 business and residential units.

The building has a 200-foot frontage along Nathan Road and occupies the former site of Nos 54-56, Nathan Road, and other buildings in Bristol Avenue at the rear.

Two Escalators

This multi-storey building will have a business arcade on the ground floor and shops on the first and second floors.

These three storeys will be served by two ascending escalators.

The three floors contain 250 shops and business offices while the other floors will have 550 residential flats.

The new skyscraper is bounded on the west by Nathan Road and Bristol Avenue on the East. The sides are bounded by Mody Road and Carnarvon Road.

The flats in the building which belongs to the Tai Cheung Construction Company, are for sale and on a 24-month instalment basis.

COUNTER CHECK FOR HOUSING SURVEY

The Housing Survey is now making a counter check of the results obtained in a recent Colony-wide survey of housing conditions.

The initial survey has been completed. Now those chosen for the survey have received a letter from the Survey Office, Hongkong University saying: "We are trying now to calculate on a comparative basis the accuracy of the results supplied by our interviewers. For this purpose, a team of supervisors will be sent along to call on you again and they will ask the same questions as before."

"This will serve as a counter check on the investigation carried out previously."

The letter ends by apologising for the inconvenience caused. It was signed by the Acting Head of Department of Economics and Political Science at the University, Mr E. F. Szczepanski.

Man Gets 23 Months Gaol

Described by the Police as a professional burglar, Ma Yau-shing, 27, was sentenced to 23 months by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon this morning on five charges of housebreaking, theft and failing to report to the Police while under supervision.

Inspector K. Bodie said the man had a very bad Police record. His prison sentence dated back some 10 years ago and since then he had four more terms.

Inspector Bodie said the defendant was arrested on a hillside in Kowloon on July 15. He admitted having broken into 194 Nathan Road, third floor, on April 28 and stolen money and property valued \$500. He further admitted having committed two thefts in May.

In mitigation, the defendant asked for leniency, saying that he had since become a cripple. Mr Yang: The defendant deserves every bit of injury he has received.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The trouble with Eddie is that he's always working for some silly thing—now it's to pay his way through dental college!"

From the Files

25 years AGO

THE Peking correspondent of the Daily Express reports that Henry Pu-yi, the boy emperor of China and now President of the Manchukuo Government, has conferred the "Honour of Death" upon his former mistress, Wan. Until last year she lived luxuriously in the President's Tientsin establishment, but they were legally separated after a squabble with his lawful wife. It is understood that the President promised to pay an allowance of \$400 a month, but it is alleged that this has never been paid.

[Ed's note: Henry Pu-yi is still alive today—in a reform camp in North China. He was seen recently by a visiting British journalist.]

★ ★ ★
Hongkong Share market: Hongkong Bank \$1580, HK & Kowloon Wharf \$141, HK Lands \$754, Hongkong Realities \$8.90, HK and Whampoa Dock \$24, buyers, Hongkong Hotels (old) \$104, buyers, Rumpire \$10 buyers, HK Trams \$22, Lane, Crawford, \$54.

★ ★ ★
"DURING my long residence in 'China', remarked a respected resident last week, 'I have never seen ships leave Shanghai with such light cargoes. The bows are well out of water when leaving port, and the blades of the propellers are to be seen. It is a sure sign of the depression which the community is just beginning to feel. I do not think we have suffered very much yet, but all this is to be observed from the vessels in port, and from the little cargo now imported and exported."

★ ★ ★
Sir—In your Bird's Eye View column, Argus (the columnist's pseudonym) suggests that a writer who wants to know what becomes of all the old gramophone records should search the ZBW library. This is typical of the sneers which, under the cloak of humour are continually being made at the local broadcasting authorities. The latter welcome constructive suggestions, but many of the libels are quite pointed, and their cumulative effect must be to produce a very unfavourable impression of ZBW in the minds of non-listeners.

Argus' remark is no doubt intended to be witty, but many readers may think it is based on truth. This is definitely not so. The library collection consists entirely of records which will not "date" and they are all practically new. A.M. BOWEN-SMITH.

★ ★ ★
Bird's Eye the next day: My attempt to be funny at ZBW's expense is resented. Well we shall have to choke with less radio frequency.

★ ★ ★
INFORMATION has been received from a reliable source that His Majesty, King Neptune, Father of the Seas, Lord of all the Oceans accompanied by His Royal Spouse, Amphitrite and Dolphinius, his Chief of Staff, will land at Repulse Bay on the afternoon of Tuesday September 3. A full retinue of Herald, Guards, Bearer, Barbers, Doctors, etc. will be in attendance. Local residents should roll up in large numbers and see all the pomp and circumstance—and help the M.C.L. effort.

★ ★ ★
In the handicap doubles of the K.C.C. tennis: Gray and Burnett beat Dunn and Green, 6-3, 6-4. Hung and Zimmerman beat Dinnen and Buchanan, 6-0, 6-3.

★ ★ ★
Revenue officers on duty at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station at Tsimshatsui on Tuesday morning when the express came in found 82 tacks of raw opium concealed in the clothes of one passenger, Che Leui haw who was later fined \$2,000 or nine months' hard labour.

★ ★ ★
MR W. M. Thomson of the M.C.C. Secretariat for Chinese Affairs prosecuted a young man named Lai Po-hing before Mr Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of harbouring and selling a girl aged 16 after taking her to Canton.